

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY RESOLUTION ATTACHMENT "B"

**Patient screening questions – recommended by telephone
before Emergency treatment**

COVID-19 Patient Screening Questionnaire to Determine a Vulnerable Individual

- 1) Do you have a fever or have you experienced a fever within the past 14 days?
- 2) Does anyone close to you have a fever or have they experienced a fever in the past 14 days?
- 3) Have you or anyone close to you experienced a recent onset of respiratory problems, such as a cough or difficulty in breathing within the past 14 days?
- 4) Have you or anyone close to you experienced flu-like symptoms within the past 14 days such as:
 - a. Cough – wet or dry
 - b. Fever
 - c. Shortness of Breath
 - d. Sore Throat
 - e. Muscle/Body Aches
 - f. Nausea/Vomiting
 - g. Fatigue
 - h. A recent lack of taste or smell
- 5) Have you, or anyone you have come into contact with, travelled out of state within the last 14 days?
- 6) Have you, or anyone you have come into contact with, travelled outside of the country in the last 21 days?
- 7) Have you come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- 8) Have you been tested for COVID-19, with either a positive or negative result?
- 9) Do you have an autoimmune disorder or are you on an immune suppressing medication or steroids?
- 10) Are you diabetic?
- 11) Have you been diagnosed or treated for a heart or lung related disease within the past 12 months?
- 12) Have you been diagnosed or treated for cancer in the past 12 months?
- 13) Do you currently smoke or vape or have you stopped those activities within the past 2 years?
- 14) Persons over 65 are at a higher risk.

The Above Questionnaire will assist dentists in determining if you have a vulnerable individual.

If at all possible, it is recommended that vulnerable individuals be treated with medication as necessary and follow the stay at home order and not seek treatment before April 30th 2020.

Dentists should not treat a person with active COVID-19 for a minimum of 14 days. Please refer to CDC guidelines for treatment of a patient post COVID-19 infection.

RECOMMENDED COVID-19 WORK PROTOCOLS DURING EMERGENCY TREATMENT

1. The CDC advises that N-95 masks are required to protect dentists and medical professionals against aerosolized contamination. Dentists have been determined to be at a higher risk due to work around the nasopharynx and the oropharynx, especially with hand pieces, possibly resulting in more severe and rapidly advancing cases and additional exposure to others. Due to shortages in N-95 masks and other PPE, dentists are advised to use the next best alternative and avoid hand piece use during emergency treatment if possible. Please refer to the daily updates posted by the CDC and look for alternatives to create a seal with a level 3 mask.
2. All patients will be considered to be positive. All employees will act as if they are positive (BUT NO EMPLOYEE WILL WORK WITH SYMPTOMS AND NO PATIENT SHALL BE TREATED WITH SYMPTOMS).
3. Call patients for screening and complete as much paperwork and payment online when possible.
4. Upon patient arrival, take temperature and record result in patient record.
5. Patients should be collaborative in decisions regarding their treatments knowing that the pandemic situation is fluid.
6. Only the patient should attend appointments. If patient is a minor, one parent may attend the appointment if screened.
7. Offices should have minimal amounts of patients and staff in the office at any given time and observe social distancing except during treatment.
8. Minimize patients inside the building. Patients should wait in the car until they are called. No patients should be in the waiting room.
9. Social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet should be utilized with patients treated until it is necessary to be within 6 feet of the patient.
10. Do not have sign in pens or a sign in sheet if at all possible. If patients are required to sign other documents, either ask them to use their own pen or disinfect pen after use.
11. Do not handle or transfer debit/credit cards or insurance cards from staff to patients. Numbers should be read to staff when needed. Again, do as much online before the appointment as possible.
12. Create and establish a distance barrier for reception counter and reception staff.
13. Discontinue any form of patient self-check in via in office computer/tablet.
14. Consider the layout of your dental office, have staff open or leave doors propped open to avoid potential contamination.
15. Consider having one patient per door. One patient come and go through front door, second patient come and go through back door. Or patients enter through one door and exit through another so as to minimize patient to patient exposure.
16. All door knobs should be wiped with a disinfecting agent soon after being touched.
17. Only one patient per dentist in the building at a time. If multiple dentists in the office at same time keep as much space between patients as possible.
18. Dentists should pay attention to their behavior, as well as staff's behavior while gloves are on. Staff and dentists should watch each other to insure they are not potentially spreading infection.

19. Staff should change into scrubs or other protective clothing while at work. All clothes should be removed before leaving the office, placed in a bag and washed as soon as possible.
20. Face shield and eye protection are recommended for all procedures.
21. For all aerosol procedures, N95 masks, hair protection and shoe protection are recommended.
22. Work areas should not be shared and surfaces should be disinfected frequently.
23. It is recommended that Lysol or other disinfectant be sprayed before and after each patient.
24. Spray/wipe/spray cleaning procedures for all surfaces in the treatment rooms.
25. If possible place plastic barriers on chairs, handles and anything else that can have a barrier.
26. It is recommended that a drop off location is available for paperwork in lieu of handing files/papers from person to person.
27. Every item touched by patients is to be wiped down.
28. Employees should be screened for symptoms and their temperature taken daily. Employees should also be cognizant of personal contacts in between work hours.
29. No hand-shaking with patients, politely decline (with a kind explanation) if they extend their hand.
30. No magazines, blankets, in the waiting room or operatories, etc. nothing that can gather viral particles.
31. Pre-rinse with Peroxyl if possible, Chlorohexidine is anti-BACTERIAL, Peroxyl is anti-VIRAL.
32. Hand sanitizing stations should be made available in waiting and work areas. Employees should wash their hands frequently and patients should be encouraged to use hand sanitizer upon entry and before exit.
33. Walk-ins should not be seen unless it is an absolute necessity.
34. Use staff as extra janitorial services.
35. Reduction or rotation of staff is also recommended.

It is again recommended that vulnerable individuals should not be treated unless delaying treatment could cause irreparable harm.

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